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ORDER POSTPONING THE CERTIFICATION OF EXPORT BEEF TO
MARCH 1, 1896.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., Dec. 11, 1895.

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1891, as amended in the Act approved March 2, 1895, provides as follows:

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of Agriculture shall also cause to be made a careful inspection of all live cattle, the meat of which, fresh, salted, canned, corned, packed, cured, or otherwise prepared, is intended for exportation to any foreign country, at such times and places, and in such manner as he may think proper, with a view to ascertain whether said cattle are free from disease, and their meat sound and wholesome, and may appoint inspectors who shall be authorized to give an official certificate clearly stating the condition in which such cattle and meat are found, and no clearance shall be given to any vessel having on board any fresh, salted, canned, corned, or packed beef, being the meat of cattle killed after the passage of this act for exportation to and sale in a foreign country from any port in the United States until the owner or shipper shall obtain from an inspector appointed under the provision of this act a certificate that said cattle were free from disease, and that their meat is sound and wholesome.

It is ordered, That all beef offered for exportation, whether fresh, salted, canned, corned, or packed, shall be accompanied by a certificate of an inspector of this Department showing that the cattle from which it was produced were free from disease, and that the meat was sound and wholesome. And in order that it may be determined whether all beef exported has been so inspected and found free from disease and wholesome, it is further ordered that the meat of all other species of animals which is packed in barrels, cases, or other packages, shall be legibly marked in such manner as to clearly indicate the species of animals from which the meat was produced. Meat which is not so marked, and which is not accompanied by a certificate of inspection, will be subject to unpacking and examination in order to ascertain if it is uninspected beef.

Notice is hereby given to exporters of beef, whether said beef is fresh, salted, canned, corned, packed, or otherwise prepared, and to owners and agents of vessels upon which said beef is exported, that no clearance can be given to any vessel having on board said beef until the provisions of this order are complied with.

As numerous petitions have been received from reliable exporters of beef alleging that great damage to the export beef trade must follow the enforcement of this order on January 1, 1896, on account of the large quantity of beef on hand which though inspected can not be identified for certification; and to give the affected trade the desired opportunity to appeal to Congress for certain modifications of the existing law, which are alleged to be necessary to prevent the destruction of a portion of this trade, it is directed that this order shall not be enforced until March 1, 1896.

All orders and regulations of this Department inconsistent with this order are hereby revoked.



Secretary.

